(b) if so, whether Government would ensure that such a list is published periodically?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (KUMARI GIRIJA VYAS): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Supergrid of NTPC at Bihar

1630. SHRI RAMASHRAY PRASAD SINGH: Will the Minister of POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the supergrid of NTPC at Biharsharif in Nalanda District of Bihar is functioning; and

(b) if not, the reasons therefor and the action proposed to be taken by the Government to regularise the functioning of supergrid of NTPC at Biharsharif?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (SHRI KALP NATH RAI): (a) and (b). Yes, Sir. The transmission system of NTPC at Biharsharif in Nalanda District of Bihar has become functional from September, 1991. Bihar State Electricity Board (BSEB) have already 220/132 kv sub-station at Biharsharif for availing power supplied by NTPC.

Electronic Mail Facility by Videsh Sanchar Nigam Ltd.

1631. SHRI CHETAN P.S. CHAUHAN:
SHRI RAMESH CHAND TOMAR:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Videsh Sanchar Nigam Limited has introduced an advanced electronic mail facility;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the names of the cities in the country where this facility has been introduced;

(d) whether the Government propose to provide this facility in all the State capitals;

(e) if so, by when; and

(f) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI P.V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) and (b). Yes, Sir. The Videsh Sanchar Nigam Limited (VSNL) has introduced international electronic mail service with effect from 2nd October 1991. This service is presently available for United Kingdom, United States of America and Australia through VSNL's Gateway Packet Switch Exchange located at Bombay. The service is available for receiving and transmitting messages from subscribers connected to this service to the subscribers connected to similar systems in UK, USA and Australia.

(c) to (f). This facility is available through Packet Assembler and Dissemblers (PADs) located at Ahmedabad, Bangalore, Bhubaneshwar, Calcutta, Delhi, Hyderabad, Madras, Pune and Trivandrum. It is also accessible from domestic data network called 'I-NET', Remote Area Business Message Network (RABMN), Computer Maintenance Corporation's INDO-NET as well as National Informatics network called NIC-NET. This facility can also be accessed by subscribers in all places in India where STD service is available by dialing to the nearest PAD. This facility is already available in all State capitals.

There is also a proposal in the Draft Eighth Five Year Plan to provide a National Electronic Mail Service in towns with a population of 5 lac and more, mainly on franchise basis.

SC/ST Population

1632. SHRI K.H. MUNIYAPPA: Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the States which have the highest percentage of Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes population;

(b) whether the Government have taken steps to plan special programmes in these areas; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF WELFARE (SHRI SITARAM KESRI): (a) to (c). Statement I and II are attached.

STATEMENT - I

SC/ST Population, showing percentage of Scheduled Caste and Scheduled Tribe population in State/UTs as per 1981 Census

S.No.	*State/UT*	*% age of SC population to total population of the State.*	*% age of ST population to total population of the State.*
1	2	3	4
1.	Arunachal Pradesh	0.46	69.82
2.	Andhra Pradesh	14.87	5.93
3.	Assam	6.24*	9.41*
4.	Bihar	14.51	8.31
5.	Gujarat	7.15	14.22
6.	Goa (Daman & Diu)	2.16	0.99
7.	Haryana	19.07	-
8.	Himachal Pradesh	24.62	4.61
9.	Jammu & Kashmir	8.31	9.92
10.	Karnataka	15.07	4.91
11.	Kerala	10.02	1.03
12.	Madhya Pradesh	14.10	22.97